

## What Make Johns Creek Exceptional?

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"Jason, we want to tell you the great news. We are moving to Johns Creek," my parents said, "This place has safer streets and better schools. You'll love this place." Incredulous, I wondered. However, after living in Johns Creek for six years, I have come to appreciate the people who make the city exceptional.

My social studies teacher, Mr. Michael Harrell, is the epitome of the talented and devoted teachers at Autrey Mill Middle School. Every day, Mr. Harrell is ready with a full lesson plan. To help his students understand the materials and do well on tests, he constantly works overtime. He is not only serious but also funny, often making jokes to the delight of his students. Most importantly, Mr. Harrell turns the classroom into a place for growth and fun, and never forgets to talk about life lessons such as "Jason, own up to your mistake." Teachers like Mr. Harrell make the schools in Johns Creek stand out from the rest.

Whenever I am done with my homework, I often go running, and near the middle of my trip, loop around Newton Park. There, I can't help but notice families laughing together, friends playing Pokemon Go, and girls chasing their dogs. This warm and friendly atmosphere is relaxing, and I am energized by the sense of community. I especially like the concerts, movies, and games organized by Newton Park. Recently, I went to a cheesy concert that featured many young teen artists who performed 80s songs. Although listening to old music, my friends and I had a blast.

One day, while running, I thought to myself, "How could this place be so safe?" At that moment, a speeding car passed by me, followed by flashing blue lights. I said to myself, "Oh." Working tirelessly to stop crimes, Johns Creek officers risk their lives to protect the public. Because of their unsung acts of heroism, Johns Creek was, according to a 2016 review, ranked second on a list of the top 50 safest cities in Georgia as well as sixth out of the top 100 safest cities in the nation. By continuing to "support and invest in Public Safety," the city has not let its inhabitants down.

Having attended elementary and middle school in Johns Creek, I feel blessed to have the most dedicated teachers, an excellent park system, and a top-notch police force. Johns Creek is second to none.